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SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS FROM ANGOLA

REF: LUANDA 1145

1. THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS HAS
DECIDED TO ORDER THE EVACUATION OF THEIR MISSIONARIES FROM
ANGOLA. THEY ARE UNABLE TO CONTACT THEIR MISSIONS AND HAVE
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ASKED THE CONGEN'S HELP IN PASSING THE EVACUATION ORDER TO

THE MISSIONS AND ARRANGING AN AIR TAXI TO FLY THE MISSION-
ARIES FROM NOVA LISBOA TO WINDHOEK.

2. THEY HAVE TWO MISSION STATIONS IN ANGOLA. THE LARGEST, NUMBERING ABOUT 14 PEOPLE, IS THE PARSONS' GROUP AT LONG-ONJO. (WE UNDERSTAND FROM REFTEL THAT AT LEAST SOME OF THE LONGONJO STAFF MAY HAVE ALREADY DEPARTED.) THEY ALSO HAVE ABOUT 10 PEOPLE IN NOVA LISBOA. THERE WERE OTHER SMALLER MISSIONS BUT THEY UNDERSTAND THESE STAFFS HAVE JOINED THE NOVA LISBOA MISSION. NOT ALL PERSONNEL ARE U.S. CITIZENS BUT THE SDA WANT THEM TO COME OUT TOGETHER. THE GENERAL COUNCIL HAS AGREED TO PAY ALL COSTS CONNECTED WITH THE EVACUATION.

3. ACTION REQUIRED:

FOR LUANDA: NOTIFY THE TWO MISSIONS OF THE ORDER FROM THEIR GENERAL COUNCIL. IF THEY CANNOT ARRANGE AIR TAXI FLIGHTS FROM NOVA LISBOA TO WINDHOEK YOU SHOULD ATTEMPT TO CHARTER THEM IN LUANDA. KEEP US AND PRETORIA ADVISED OF PROGRESS.

FOR PRETORIA: MOST OF THE EVACUEES SHOULD HAVE VALID SOUTH AFRICA VISAS, BUT THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE SOME DO NOT. PLEASE ADVISE THE SAG THAT THEY WILL BE ARRIVING IN WINDHOEK AND THAT THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS WILL SEE TO THEIR FINANCIAL NEEDS AND ON-WARD TRANSPORTATION FROM JOHANNESBURG. YOU SHOULD COORDINATE YOUR EFFORTS WITH THE SDA OFFICER IN PRETORIA.

4. IF ANY EXPENSES ARE INCURRED ON BEHALF OF THE SDA IN LUANDA OR PRETORIA, ADVISE US OF THE AMOUNT AND THE PAYEE. THE GENERAL COUNCIL WILL THEN SEND A CHECK DIRECTLY TO THE CONTRACTOR. SISCO

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